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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Frank Schoner et al

Ser. No.: 09/498,220

Group Art Unit: 1725

Filed: February 4, 2000

Examiner: Kevin P. Kerns

For: **APPARATUS FOR INTRODUCING GRANULAR MOLD FLUX ONTO THE...**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the FINAL office action dated May 16, 2002,
please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

19. (Amended) A continuous casting apparatus including a dispensing assembly for introducing granular mold flux onto the top of a slab being cast within a continuous casting mold; the assembly comprising:

a source of granular mold flux;

an intermediate hopper which receives granular mold flux
from the source;

one or more delivery tube assemblies interconnected with the
intermediate hopper for feeding of the granular mold
flux from the intermediate hopper to the top of the
slab being cast within the continuous casting mold,
each delivery tube assembly including